



Notice of Motion Radio-Communication Facilities – August 12th, 2013

Moved by Councillor Robinson Seconded by Councillor Johnston

WHEREAS Industry Canada has sole authority for the approval of radio-communication facilities and have provided limited opportunity for the municipalities to request locational criteria for facilities and consultation requirements for proposed facilities which are 15 metres or greater;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) have reached a joint protocol, which is entirely voluntary, agreeing to notification of exempt facilities (those less than 15 metres) to allow municipalities to:

- a. be prepared to respond to public inquiries;
- b. be aware of site co-location in the municipality;
- c. maintain records to refer to in the event of future modifications and additions; and
- d. engage in meaningful dialogue with the proponent with respect to the appearance of the Antenna System and structure prior to the proponent investing in full design;

WHEREAS Town Council has adopted the Interim Radio-communications Facilities Protocol which establishes consultation and locational criteria for proposed facilities and anticipated the requirements later set through the voluntary agreements negotiated by FCM and the CWTA;

WHEREAS the town's Interim Radio-communications Facilities Protocol already requires public notification for all installations, excluded or not;

WHEREAS Industry Canada has been fully apprised of the town's location criteria and protocol and yet facilities have been and continue to be considered for approval which do not comply with town requirements; and

WHEREAS the Oakville community has expressed significant concern with proposed radio-communication locations that do not comply with the town's protocol;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Industry Canada be advised that the Town of Oakville does not concur with the location of radio-communication facilities that are located:

- a. within 200 metres from a sensitive land use including residential uses;
- b. within 20 metres from a heritage structure;
- c. within 120 metres from Lake Ontario shoreline, or
- d. on lands identified a Natural Heritage or Natural Area;

THAT Industry Canada be requested to place a moratorium on the approval of any new radio-communication facilities located within the criteria noted above until such time as the review of Safety Code 6 has been finalized, and provide a response to the Town of Oakville regarding this request outlining reasons for or against the moratorium;

THAT the Town of Oakville's resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Prime Minister of Canada and Cabinet, and all Members of Federal Parliament; and

THAT town staff be requested to report further on the history of the various Industry Canada's protocols for public consultation on the location of radio-communication facilities.